there has been recession in terrorism by the terrorist groups in Pakistan and also sponsored by Pakistan and the situation has become normal;

(b) whether there is improvement in the situation after increasing contact with PoK through buses;

(c) whether any proposal has been made on behalf of Government for converting the Line of Control (LoC) into international border, during the talks with Pakistan;

(d) whether the issue of American consent has also been raised therein; and

(e) the area likely to be surrendered to Pakistan through this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Despite considerable improvement in bilateral relations since the commencement of the dialogue process in 2004, Government have continued and serious concerns about the infrastructure of terrorism in Pakistan and its impact on us.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Indo-China-Russia meeting

1078. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia held a two-day meeting on October 24, 2007 to promote and deepen strategic cooperation among the three countries;

(b) if so, the points discussed in the meeting;

(c) the outcome of the meeting;

(d) whether any agreement including on trade, energy, science and technology were reached; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, the Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia met on October 24, 2007 in Harbin (China).

(b) to (e) The three Foreign Ministers discussed regional and international issues of mutual interest and trilateral cooperation. At the conclusion of the Trilateral meeting, a Joint Comunique was issued on 24 October, 2007. The three sides have agreed to hold a trilateral business forum in New Delhi in December 2007, a seminar on the evolution of geo-political, strategic trends in 2008 and working level discussions in the field of agriculture, disaster management, medicine & health.